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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the USSR will protest strongly separate western action in establishing the gendarmerie regiment and will attempt the maximum possible delay on both the Allied Council and deputy CFM levels in agreeing to permit the Austrians to begin military planning prior to ratification of the treaty. Meanwhile, the two major Austrian political parties have been engaged in secret high level discussions on military planning for more than a year.)

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3. IRAN: Proposed US aid again criticized--US Ambassador Wiley reports that in a second discussion of the proposed US aid to Iran, Governor Ebtehaj of the National Bank of Iran was more vehement than during the first talk. Ebtehaj expressed the view that the US approach to Iran on this matter was not only "incomprehensible and unacceptable but also dictatorial in nature." He declared that if "this token and measly gesture" represented the final US word, he would most strongly recommend to the Shah that Iran disassociate itself from the US and, without going over to the Soviet side, either try to find help in other countries or stand on its own feet. Wiley believes that the Shah will be greatly influenced by Ebtehaj's reaction to the US offer and will not be satisfied unless US assistance to Iran equals that given to Turkey.

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